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From: Jon W. Fullinwider  
Chief Information Officer

Subject: **Status Report on Medical Hubs Board Motion**

This memo is in response to your Board's motion of May 16, 2006, instructing my office in conjunction with the Director of Health Services, Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Children and Family Services, Director of Mental Health and County Counsel to report back in 30 days on the feasibility of a cost-effective automated data system and include an analysis on the status of the medical passport. The following information provides a current status on our efforts.

An initial meeting was held with all aforementioned departments, where Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Mental Health, and Department of Health Services each gave a brief presentation of existing processes and current challenges associated with the medical hubs. While all five medical hubs will be fully operational by July 1, 2006, the level of automation for patient data gathering is inconsistent across the hubs, and the exchange of interagency data involves many manual steps. Violence Intervention Program Community Mental Health Center, who operates one of the medical hubs, also attended the meeting and offered their web-based application as a potential candidate for the target system. However, it was determined that more time will be needed to thoroughly examine the detailed processes of the key departments, identify technical and legal obstacles, recommend improvements, and establish a long term strategy/solution to address the current shortcomings and inefficiencies. An extension of 60 days is therefore requested for the completion of the final report.

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My office will continue to lead this effort and work with all involved departments and external stakeholders until the final report is issued. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at (213) 974-2008 or in my absence, Frank Cheng, Associate CIO, at (213) 893-0027.

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